THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA). (a) The total number of registered motor vehicles in the country, as per latest information available from the State Governments/UTs was 5.85 crores, as on 31st March, 2002.

(b) and (c) The Union Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. There are capacity constraints in some of the National Highways. Steps have been taken for widening of existing National Highways to 4/6-lanes under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), in a phased manner. Further, the widening and construction of paved shoulders on National Highways, not covered under NHDP, is also taken up on selected stretches, depending upon priority of work and overall availability of funds.

National Highways in States

4019. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines fixed for construction of National Highways by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have recently approved the various proposals for construction of National Highways in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of amount sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for construction of NHs;

(e) whether Government have received any proposal from the above States for construction of National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Presumably Hon'ble Member wants to know about criteria for declaration of new National Highways. The criteria for declaration of National Highways is given in Statement - I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In February 2004, the Government had declared 7457 km of State Roads as National Highway. The State-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) The details of funds allocated to Uttar pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradeswh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for development of National Highways during the year 2004-05 are given in Statement-III (*See* below).

(e) and (f) After February 2004, out of the above mentioned States, the Government of India has received 7 numbers of proposals for an aggregate length of about 943 km, only from Uttar Pradesh State for declaration of new National Highways.

Statement

Criteria for Declaration of National Highways

1. Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
2. Roads connecting adjacent countries.
3. Roads connecting the National Capital with State Capital and roads connecting mutually the State Capitals.
4. Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centers.
5. Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
6. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby
7. Roads which held opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
8. National Highways grid of 100 Km is achieved.
9. The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways--both in its technical requirements well as the land requirements.
10. The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.
11. The right of way required for the National Highways (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

Statement-II

Newly Declared National Highways in February, 2004

Sl. No.	State	National Highway No.	Stretch	Approx. Length (km)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	NH 214 A	Digamarru - Ongole	255
		NH 221	Kondapalli-Konta	155
		NH 222	Maharashtra border-Nirmal	60
2	Bihar	NH 57 A	Forbesganj - Jogbani	15
		NH 28 B	Chhapwa - Uttar Pradesh Border	121
		NH 110	Arwal - Biharsharif	89
3	Chhattisgarh	NH 111	Bilaspur - Ambikapur	200
		NH 221	From Andhra Pradesh Border - Jagadalpur	174
4	Gujarat	NH 8A Extension	Narayan Sarovar - Mandvi	145
		NH 8E Extension	Dwarka - Somnath	225
		NH 113	From Rajasthan border - Dahod	10
5	Haryana	NH 73 A	Yamuna Nagar - Himachal Pradesh border	42
		NH 71 B	Rewari - Rajasthan border	69
6	Himachal Pradesh	NH 73 A	Haryana border- Paontasahib	20
7	Jharkhand	NH 75 Extension	Ranchi - Orissa border	202
8	Karnataka	NH 218 Extension	Bijapur - Homnabad	223
		NH 67 Extension	Tamil Nadu border - Gundlupet	50
9	Madhya Pradesh	NH 86 A	Rahatgarh - Raisen	131
		NH 12A Extension	Jabalpur - Uttar Pradesh border	330
		NH 26 A	Sagar - Bina	75
10	Maharashtra	NH 222	Kalyan - Andhra Pradesh border	550
11	Manipur	NH 155	From Nagaland Border - Jessami	5
12	Meghalaya	NH 44 Extension	Shillong - Nongstoin	93
13	Nagaland	NH 155	Mokokchung - Manipur border	125
14	Orissa	NH 224	Khurda - Balangir	298
		NH 203 A	Puri - Satpada	49
		NH 203 Extension	Puri - Konark	38
		NH 75 Extension	From Jharkhand border - Parsora	18
15	Rajasthan	NH 113	Nimahera - Gujarat border	200
		NH 112	Bar - Barmer	343
		NH 114	Jodhpur - Pokaran	180
		NH 116	Tonk - Swaimadhopur	80
		NH 11 B	Lalsot - Dhaulpur	180
		NH 71 B	From Haryana border near Dhanuhera (Haryana) - Taoru (Haryana)	5

1	2	3	4	5
16	Tamil Nadu	NH 45 C	Thanjavur - Ulunderpettai	159
		NH 47 B	Nagercoil - Kavalkinaru	45
		NH 67 Extension	Coimbatore - Karnataka border	148
		NH 45 Extension	Dindigul - Teni	73
17	Uttaranchal	NH 123	Vikasnagar - Barkot bend	95
		NH 119	From Uttar Pradesh border - Srinagar	135
		NH 121	Kashipur - Bubakhal	252
		NH 87 Extension	Nainital - Karna Prayag	233
		NH 125	Sitarganj - Pithoragarh	201
18	Uttar Pradesh	NH 119	Meerut - Uttaranchal border	125
		NH 91 A	Etawah - Kannauj	136
		NH 76 Extension	Allahabad - Mirzapur	120
		NH 28 C	Barabanki - Nepalganj	140
		NH 29 Extension	Gorakhpur - Sonauli	110
		NH 28 B	From Bihar border - Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh	29
		NH 12 A Extension	From Madhya Pradesh border - Jhansi	7
19	West Bengal	NH 60 Extension	Raniganj - Moregram	141
		NH 60 A	Bankura - Purulia	100
		NH 117	Kona Expressway - Bakkhali	133
20	Andaman & Nicobar islands	NH 223	The Andaman Trunk Road	300
			Grand Total:	**7457**

Statement III

Details of Allocation for Development of National Highways During 2004-05

Sl. No.	State	Allocation for Development During 2004-05 (Rs. in Crore)
1	Bihar	79.51
2	Chhattisgarh	36.26
3	Himachal Pradesh	45.00
4	Jharkhand	35.00
5	Madhya Pradesh	94.90
6	Uttar Pradesh	186.43
7	Uttaranchal	28.44

Note: The allocation for development of National Highways includes allocation under National Highways (Original) [NH(O)] and funds from Permanent Bridge Fee Fund (PBFF).